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City announces two senior appointments

Tonight, City Council appointed Pat McNally as the Acting General Manager of the Corporation's Environmental and Engineering Services Department effective February 21, 2008. McNally takes over from Peter Steblin who is leaving London to become the City Manager in Coquitlam, British Columbia.

Council was also briefed on another senior appointment in the Environmental and Engineering Services Department. Jay Stanford was named Director, Environmental Programs & Solid Waste.

McNally is a professional engineer with an extensive background in water, wastewater, environmental programs, community outreach, and customer relations. He joined the City as the Director of Water, Environment and Customer Relations in 2003.

Chief Administrative Officer Jeff Fielding called McNally the consummate professional. "Pat has always demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and understands people," said Fielding. "Water and environmental issues are always at the forefront of municipal issues. Pat has continually shown an ability to introduce new concepts while dealing with ongoing management issues."

Chairman of the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) and Councillor Harold Usher echoed Fielding's comments. "Pat McNally brings a calm, professional approach to the table on what can be very complex issues," said Usher. "I know the ETC will continue to look to him for critical advice and leadership."

Stanford's new position was created following a departmental review that identified a growing workload and focus on critical services. His expanded responsibilities became effective in early 2008. Stanford had been a Manager of Solid Waste with the City of London since 1995.

In announcing Stanford's appointment, outgoing City Engineer Peter Steblin said, "Solid waste, environmental and customer service issues are key components to quality of life issues in well planned, sustainable communities. In Jay we have an individual who understands what it takes to continually move forward with new and innovative solutions."